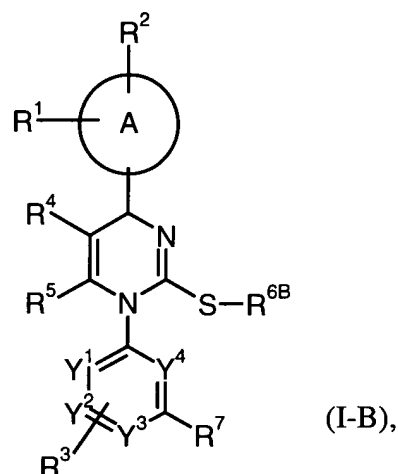
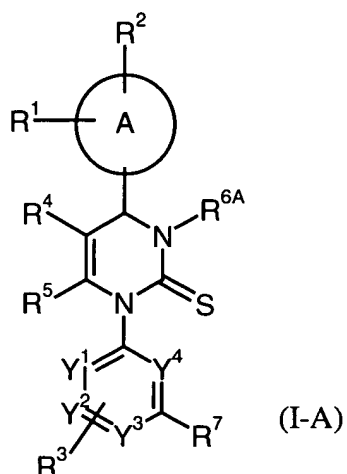


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A compound~~ ~~Compounds~~ of the general ~~formula~~ ~~formulas~~ (I-A) ~~or~~ ~~and~~ (I-B)



wherein

A represents an aryl or heteroaryl ring,

R¹, R² and R³ independently from each other represent hydrogen, halogen, nitro, cyano, C₁-C₆-alkyl, hydroxy or C₁-C₆-alkoxy, wherein C₁-C₆-alkyl and C₁-C₆-alkoxy can be

further substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy and C₁-C₄-alkoxy,

R⁴ represents C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di-C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl, C₆-C₁₀-arylaminocarbonyl, heteroarylcarbonyl, heterocyclylcarbonyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl or cyano, wherein C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl can be further substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl, hydroxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonylamino, amino, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylamino, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, tri-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)-silyl and cyano,

R⁵ represents C₁-C₄-alkyl, which can be substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₂-C₆-alkenoxo, C₁-C₆-alkylthio, amino, mono- and di-C₁-C₆-alkylamino, arylamino, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl and the radical -O-C₁-C₄-alkyl-O-C₁-C₄-alkyl,

R^{6A} represents hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, C₃-C₈-cycloalkylcarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, mono- or di-C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl, wherein C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl can be substituted with

one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl, hydroxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, amino, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylamino,

R^{6B} represents C₁-C₆-alkyl, which can be substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, amino, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylamino, C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyloxy, aminocarbonyloxy, cyano, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl, wherein heteroaryl and heterocyclyl can be further substituted with one to two identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₄-alkyl, hydroxy and oxo,

R⁷ represents halogen, nitro, cyano, C₁-C₆-alkyl, hydroxy or C₁-C₆-alkoxy, wherein C₁-C₆-alkyl and C₁-C₆-alkoxy can be further substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy and C₁-C₄-alkoxy,

and

Y¹, Y², Y³ and Y⁴ independently from each other represent CH or N, wherein the ring contains either 0, 1 or 2 nitrogen atoms.

2. (Currently Amended) The compound ~~Compounds~~ of general formula ~~formulas~~ (I-A) ~~or~~ and (I-B) according to Claim 1, wherein

A represents an aryl or heteroaryl ring,

R^1 , R^2 and R^3 independently from each other represent hydrogen, halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, hydroxy or C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy, wherein C_1 - C_6 -alkyl and C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy can be further substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy and C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy,

R^4 represents C_1 - C_6 -alkylcarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxycarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di- C_1 - C_4 -alkylaminocarbonyl, C_6 - C_{10} -arylaminocarbonyl, heteroarylcarbonyl, heterocyclylcarbonyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl or cyano, wherein C_1 - C_6 -alkylcarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxycarbonyl, mono- and di- C_1 - C_4 -alkylaminocarbonyl can be further substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl, hydroxy, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxycarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- and di- C_1 - C_4 -alkylaminocarbonyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkylcarbonylamino, amino, mono- and di- C_1 - C_4 -alkylamino, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl and tri- $(C_1$ - C_6 -alkyl)-silyl,

R^5 represents C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, which can be substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy, C_1 - C_6 -

alkoxy, C₂-C₆-alkenoxy, C₁-C₆-alkylthio, amino, mono- and di-C₁-C₆-alkylamino, arylamino, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl and the radical -O-C₁-C₄-alkyl-O-C₁-C₄-alkyl,

R^{6A} represents hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, C₃-C₈-cycloalkylcarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, mono- or di-C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl, wherein C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl can be substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl, hydroxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, amino, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylamino,

R^{6B} represents C₁-C₆-alkyl, which can be substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, amino, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylamino, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl,

R⁷ represents halogen, nitro, cyano, C₁-C₆-alkyl, hydroxy or C₁-C₆-alkoxy, wherein C₁-C₆-alkyl and C₁-C₆-alkoxy can be further substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy and C₁-C₄-alkoxy,

and

Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 and Y^4 independently from each other represent CH or N, wherein the ring contains either 0, 1 or 2 nitrogen atoms.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The compound~~ Compounds of general formula ~~formulas (I-A) or and (I-~~
B) according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~ , wherein

A represents a phenyl or pyridyl ring,

R^1 , R^2 and R^3 independently from each other represent hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, bromo, nitro, cyano, methyl, ethyl, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy,

R^4 represents C_1 - C_6 -alkylcarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxycarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di- C_1 - C_4 -alkylaminocarbonyl or cyano, wherein C_1 - C_6 -alkylcarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxycarbonyl and mono- C_1 - C_4 -alkylaminocarbonyl can be substituted with one to three identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkyl, hydroxy, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxycarbonyl, amino, mono- or di- C_1 - C_4 -alkylamino, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl,

R^5 represents methyl or ethyl,

R^{6A} represents hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 -alkylcarbonyl or C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkylcarbonyl, wherein C_1 - C_6 -alkylcarbonyl can be substituted with a radical selected from the group consisting of C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkyl, hydroxy, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, amino, mono- and di- C_1 - C_4 -alkylamino,

R^{6B} represents C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, which can be substituted with a radical selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, amino, mono- and di- C_1 - C_4 -alkylamino, phenyl, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl,

R^7 represents halogen, nitro, cyano, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, methyl or ethyl,

and

Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 and Y^4 each represent CH.

4. (Currently Amended) The compound ~~Compounds~~ of general formula ~~formulas~~ (I-A) or ~~and~~ (I-B) according to Claim 1 ~~, 2 or 3~~, wherein

A represents a phenyl or a pyridyl ring,

R^1 and R^3 each represent hydrogen,

R^2 represents fluoro, chloro, bromo, nitro or cyano,

R⁴ represents C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyl or C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl, wherein C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl can be substituted with a radical selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl, mono- and di-C₁-C₄-alkylamino, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl,

R⁵ represents methyl,

R^{6A} represents hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl or C₃-C₆-cycloalkylcarbonyl,

R^{6B} represents C₁-C₄-alkyl, which can be substituted with a radical selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, amino, di-C₁-C₄-alkylamino, phenyl, pyridyl, imidazolyl, pyrrolidino and morpholino,

R⁷ represents trifluoromethyl or nitro,

and

Y¹, Y², Y³ and Y⁴ each represent CH.

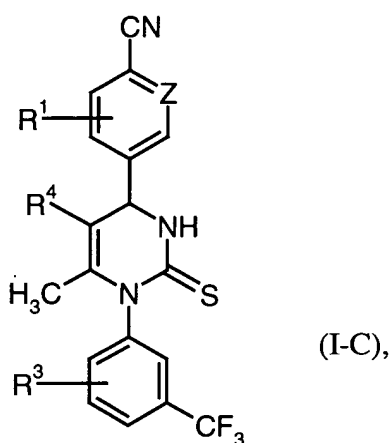
5. (Currently Amended) ~~The compound~~ Compounds of general ~~formula~~ formulas (I-A) ~~or~~ and (I-B) according to claim 1 ~~at least one of Claims 1 to 4~~, wherein A is phenyl or pyridyl.

6. (Currently Amended) The compound ~~Compounds~~ of general formula ~~formulas~~ (I-A) or ~~and~~ (I-B) according to claim 1 ~~at least one of Claims 1 to 5~~, wherein R¹ is hydrogen.
7. (Currently Amended) The compound ~~Compounds~~ of general formula ~~formulas~~ (I-A) or ~~and~~ (I-B) according to claim 1 ~~at least one of Claims 1 to 6~~, wherein R² is cyano.
8. (Currently Amended) The compound ~~Compounds~~ of general formula ~~formulas~~ (I-A) or ~~and~~ (I-B) according to claim 1 ~~at least one of Claims 1 to 7~~, wherein R³ is hydrogen.
9. (Currently Amended) The compound ~~Compounds~~ of general formula ~~formulas~~ (I-A) or ~~and~~ (I-B) according to claim 1 ~~at least one of Claims 1 to 8~~, wherein R⁴ is C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl, which can be substituted with dimethylamino, diethylamino, N-ethylmethylamino, pyrrolidino or piperidino, or wherein R⁴ is C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyl.
10. (Currently Amended) The compound ~~Compounds~~ of general formula ~~formulas~~ (I-A) or ~~and~~ (I-B) according to claim 1 ~~at least one of Claims 1 to 9~~, wherein R⁵ is methyl.
11. (Currently Amended) The compound ~~Compounds~~ of general formula ~~formulas~~ (I-A) or ~~and~~ (I-B) according to claim 1 ~~at least one of Claims 1 to 10~~, wherein R⁷ is trifluoromethyl or nitro.

12. (Currently Amended) The compound ~~Compounds~~ of general formula (I-A) according to claim 1 ~~at least one of Claims 1 to 11~~, wherein R^{6A} is hydrogen.

13. (Currently Amended) The compound ~~Compounds~~ of general formula (I-B) according to claim 1 ~~at least one of Claims 1 to 11~~, wherein R^{6B} is methyl, (1H-imidazol-2-yl)methyl, 2-(diethylamino)ethyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, 3-hydroxypropyl and 2-(1-pyrrolidinyl)ethyl.

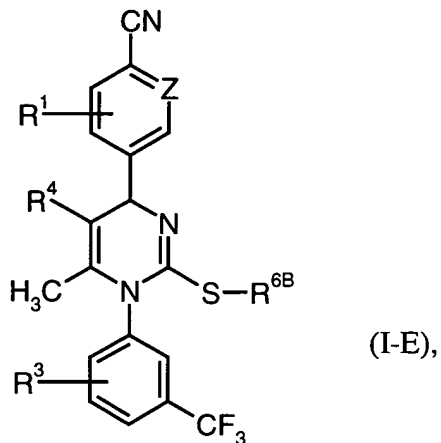
14. (Currently Amended) A compound ~~Compounds~~ of general formula (I-C)



wherein

Z represents CH or N, and R¹, R³ and R⁴ have the meaning indicated in claim 1 ~~Claims 1 to 12~~.

15. (Currently Amended) A compound ~~Compounds~~ of general formula (I-E)



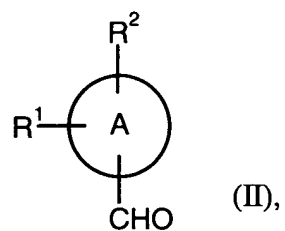
wherein

Z represents CH or N,

R¹, R³ and R⁴ have the meaning indicated in claim 1 ~~above~~, and

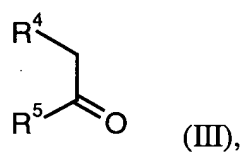
R^{6B} represents C₁-C₄-alkyl, which can be substituted with a radical selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, di-C₁-C₄-alkylamino, phenyl, pyridyl, imidazolyl, pyrrolidino and morpholino.

16. (Currently Amended) A process ~~Process~~ for synthesizing the compounds of general formulas (I-A), (I-B), (I-C) or (I-E), respectively, as defined in Claims 1 to 15, by condensing compounds of general formula (II)



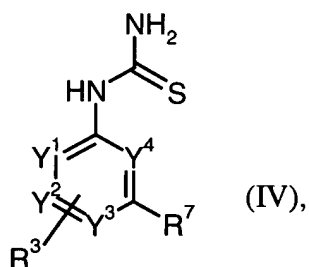
wherein A, R¹ and R² have the meaning indicated in Claims 1 to 15,

with compounds of general formula (III)



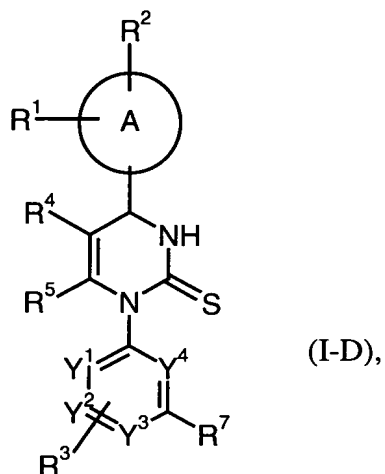
wherein R⁴ and R⁵ have the meaning indicated in Claims 1 to 15,

and compounds of general formula (IV)



wherein R³, R⁷, and Y¹ to Y⁴ have the meaning indicated in Claims 1 to 15,

in the presence of an acid either in a three-component / one-step reaction or sequentially to give compounds of the general formula (I-D)

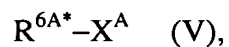


wherein

A, R¹ to R⁵, R⁷, and Y¹ to Y⁴ have the meaning indicated in Claims 1 to 15,

optionally followed by reaction of the compounds of general formula (I-D) in the presence of a base either

[A] with compounds of the general formula (V)

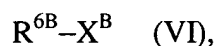


wherein R^{6A*} has the meaning of R^{6A} as indicated in Claims 1 to 15, but does not represent hydrogen, and X^A represents a leaving group, ~~such as halogen,~~

to give compounds of the general formula (I-A) or (I-C), respectively,

or

[B] with compounds of the general formula (VI)



wherein R^{6B} has the meaning indicated in Claims 1 to 15, and X^B represents a leaving group, ~~such as halogen, tosylate, mesylate or sulfate,~~

to give compounds of the general formula (I-B) or (I-E), respectively.

17. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ composition containing at least one compound of general formula (I-A) or (I-C), as defined in Claims 1 ~~or 10-12 and~~ 14, and a pharmacologically acceptable diluent.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ process for the preparation of compositions according to Claim 17 ~~and 18~~ characterized in that the compounds of general formula (I-A) or (I-C), as defined in Claims 1 or 12 and 14, together with customary auxiliaries are brought into a suitable application form.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A method of treating ~~Use according to Claim 20 for the preparation of medicaments for the treatment of~~ acute and chronic inflammatory, ischaemic ~~and/~~ or remodelling processes , comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of general formula (I-A) or (I-C), as defined in Claims 1 or 14 .

22. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Use~~ according to Claim 21, wherein the process is chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, acute coronary syndrome, acute myocardial infarction or development of heart failure.

23. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ composition containing at least one compound of general formula (I-B) or (I-E), as defined in Claims 1 ~~to 11, 13~~ or ~~and~~ 15, and a pharmacologically acceptable diluent.

24. (Currently Amended) A method of treating ~~A composition according to Claim 23 for the treatment of~~ acute and chronic inflammatory, ischaemic ~~and/~~ or remodelling processes ,

comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition according to Claim 23 .

25. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ process for the preparation of compositions according to Claim 23 ~~and 24~~ characterized in that the compounds of general formula (I-B) or (I-E), as defined in Claims 1 ~~to 11~~ , 13 or ~~and~~ 15, together with customary auxiliaries are brought into a suitable application form.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) A method of treating ~~Use according to Claim 26 for the preparation of medicaments for the treatment of~~ acute and chronic inflammatory, ischaemic ~~and/~~ or remodelling processes , comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of general formula (I-B) or (I-E), as defined in Claims 1, 13 or 15 .

28. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~Use according to~~ Claim 27, wherein the process is chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, acute coronary syndrome, acute myocardial infarction or development of heart failure.

29. (Cancelled)